

Market Coupling Consultative Group Webinar

Q&A
02.06.2025

Agenda & Meeting Material

	TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIME
1	Welcome & Introduction - Welcome, Agenda and Action Points Review	Zélie Gautier, Pierre Milon, Andreas Papanaklis (MCCG)	09:00 – 09:10 (10 min)
2	SDAC 15 Min Market Time Unit (MTU) - Update on the SDAC 15 min MTU Implementation - SDAC Joint Member Testing - SDAC Rollback Plan - SDAC Corrective Measures - Questions and Feedback from MPs	Javier Sánchez Jiménez, Matej Godec, Benjamin Mossot (SDAC QARM) Timo Suhonen, Marja Eronen (SDAC MSD) Zélie Gautier, Pierre Milon, Andreas Papanaklis (MCCG)	09:10 – 10:10 (1 hr)
3	SDAC Fallback Improvements	Luiza Holban-Fediuc, Ole Knop (SDAC OPSCOM)	10:10 – 10:50 (40 min)
	Coffee Break		10:50 – 11:00
4	SIDC 15 Min Market Time Unit (MTU) - Update on the SIDC 15 min MTU Implementation	Chris Kleinpenning (SIDC OPSCOM 15ITP)	11:00 – 11:15 (15 min)
5	SIDC IDAs Liquidity Update	Chris Kleinpenning (SIDC OPSCOM 15ITP)	11:15 – 11:25 (10 min)
6	Implementation of 30 min IDCZGCT	Gergő Holló (30 min IDCZGCT SPoC)	12:25 – 12:35 (10 min)
7	Methodologies' Updates and Consultations - SIDC Product Methodology - SDAC/SIDC HMMCP Methodology	Chiara Vitelli, Christoforos Zoumas (NEMO Tech TF)	11:35 – 11:50 (15 min)
8	SDAC-SIDC Roadmap and Key Projects - SDAC Co-Optimisation	André Estermann, Cosimo Campidoglio, Ondřej Máca (MCSC Co-Chairs) Timo Suhonen, Marja Eronen (SDAC MSD)	11:50 – 12:25 (35 min)
9	Closure	Zélie Gautier, Pierre Milon, Andreas Papanaklis (MCCG)	12:25 – 12:30 (5 min)

Meeting presentation: NEMO Committee website [[LINK](#)] and ENTSO-E website [[LINK](#)]

List of Actions

#	Date	Responsible	Description	Deadline/Status
1	14/02/2025	MPs	Inform MCSC NEMOs and TSOs about what additional information would they need in the Joint Member Testing Communication package.	03/03/2025 - Closed
2	14/02/2025	MCSC NEMOs and TSOs	Provide more detailed information on the steps to run and test cases for all scenarios planned for the Joint Member Testing in the communication package.	March 2025 - Closed
3	14/02/2025	MCSC NEMOs and TSOs	Provide an updated timeline including the milestones for announcing the GO/NO-GO decision before the Joint MT and go-live GO/NO-GO decision before the go-live, as well as the publication of the Joint MT communication package.	March 2025 - Closed
4	14/02/2025	MCSC NEMOs	Come back with a reasoning behind selecting a strict (arithmetic) average of 15'MTU clearing prices for 60'/30' index.	Q2 2025 MCCG - Closed*
5	02/06/2025	MPs	Inform MCSC NEMOs and TSOs as soon as possible in case there is a shared, strong support for including in the 08-12/09 Additional Joint Member Testing the scenario on Full decoupling / Partial decoupling and if so, whether to include also the Shadow auction simulation.	13/06/2025
6	02/06/2025	MPs	Inform MCSC NEMOs and TSOs as soon as possible if there is a shared, strong request to extend the go-live preparation period from 2 to 3 weeks by moving the Additional Member Tests to 01-05/09.	13/06/2025
7	02/06/2025	MCSC NEMOs	Clarify whether and when they will publish the auctions results for the Additional Joint Member Testing in September 2025.	July 2025
8	02/06/2025	MCSC NEMOs and TSOs	Clarify whether the results of the past Joint Member Tests can be published in full (incl. aggregated curves, cross-border flows, etc.).	July 2025
9	02/06/2025	MPs	Inform MCSC NEMOs and TSOs about any other highly desired scenario to include in the 19/11/2025 testing on full decoupling.	July 2025
10	02/06/2025	MCSC NEMOs and TSOs	Clarify the final list of SDAC fallback improvement measures for implementation and the implementation timeline.	H2 2025 MCCG

1 1	02/06/2025	MCSC NEMOs and TSOs	MCSC NEMOs and TSOs to consider whether the IDA liquidity data per bidding zone can be provided.	H2 2025 MCCG
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* For the full feedback from MCSC NEMOs on this action point, please see below:

- ▶ 30' and 60' price values are pure indices. The clearing price is based on the 15' resolution.
- ▶ NEMOs decided to propose a strict average rule for those 30' and 60' price indices because the SDAC algorithm is using the very same rule within the Cross-Product-Matching functionality, where all time resolutions 15-30-60 are linked through an averaging rule. This is fully detailed within the NEMOs SDAC Product Methodology and Algorithm Methodology.
- ▶ For example, the 60' index would follow the conditions of matching of orders used by EUPHEMIA to accept or reject orders.

1. Welcome & Introduction

2. SDAC 15 Min Market Time Unit (MTU)

General Notes

- ▶ MCSC NEMOs and TSOs thanked all MPs who successfully participated in the Joint Member Testing in April-May 2025.
- ▶ MPs are encouraged to use the opportunity and join the additional member tests on the next opportunity, scheduled for 08-11 September 2025.

Q&A

- ▶ Q: Could partial/full decoupling scenarios be considered during the member testing in September? This would be valuable, as it is a challenging process.
- ▶ A: NEMOs and TSOs considered the request to include shadow auctions in the Member Tests. To ensure that all market parties can test Shadow Auctions, the test would have to be a full decoupling scenario. This scenario is already planned to be executed in the regular Full Decoupling training scheduled in November. By that time, the Fallback Manual will also be available, making this test more productive. Therefore, NEMOs and TSOs concluded to not test any decoupling scenarios in the member tests.
- ▶ Q: Market Participants also requested scenarios designed to stress Euphemia.
- ▶ A: From the previous member test campaign, NEMOs and TSOs have seen that tests with members do not have the required participation and volumes needed to significantly stress Euphemia. Furthermore, Euphemia performance was extensively tested under a large range of scenarios in a dedicated process. Therefore, NEMOs and TSOs concluded that the focus of the member test scenarios should be functional and therefore not include scenarios with instructions for non-standard order books.

- ▶ Q: Regarding the Joint Member Testing, some NEMOs stopped publishing auction results during the EtE testing. Will NEMOs publish auction results in the next testing phase?
- ▶ A: To ensure the most efficient exchange, MCSC SDAC parties recommend sharing the results on a bilateral basis between the requesting member and their NEMO. No central publication will be done.
- ▶ Q: Can the results of the past Joint Member Tests be published in full (aggregated curves, cross-border flows, etc.)? Publication of the Joint Member Tests results is important for MPs to adapt their systems ahead of the new go-live date.
- ▶ A: To ensure the most efficient exchange, MCSC SDAC parties recommend sharing the results on a bilateral basis between the requesting member and their NEMO. No central publication will be done.
- ▶ Q: How much notice will be given to MPs in case the rollback is activated?
- ▶ A: MPs would be informed about the rollback activation within a few hours after the MCSC assessment following the second decoupling, which complete the trigger event (as a reminder, a trigger for rollback is made of two decoupling events during the monitoring period).
- ▶ Q: Why was the rollback implementation period changed from 3 to 2 days compared to the information shared previously?
- ▶ A: MCSC NEMOs and TSOs discussed the rollback implementation period to be either 3 or 2 days. As MCSC parties expressed the possibility to proceed with the necessary activities already within 2 days, the shorter option was chosen to save time within the overall plan.
- ▶ Q: When is the list of corrective measures expected to be available?
- ▶ A: MCSC NEMOs and TSOs are aiming to have the results from the testing of the potential candidate measures by the end of the summer 2025, latest September MCSC Meeting. An update on the progress will be shared with MPs in the next MCCG in H2 2025.

Actions

- ▶ MPs to inform MCSC NEMOs and TSOs as soon as possible in case there is a shared, strong support for including in the 08-12/09 Additional Joint Member Testing the scenario on Full decoupling / Partial decoupling and if so, whether to include also the Shadow auction simulation.
- ▶ MPs to inform MCSC NEMOs and TSOs as soon as possible if there is a shared, strong request to extend the go-live preparation period from 2 to 3 weeks by moving the Additional Member Tests to 01-05/09.
- ▶ MCSC NEMOs to clarify whether and when will they publish the auctions results for the Additional Joint Member Testing in September 2025.
- ▶ MCSC NEMOs and TSOs to clarify whether the results of the past Joint Member Tests can be published in full (incl. aggregated curves, cross-border flows, etc.).

3. SDAC Fallback Improvements

General notes

- ▶ MCSC NEMOs and TSOs introduced the full list of measures currently under investigation which are aimed at mitigating the risks and consequences of SDAC decoupling. The full set of measures under discussion can be found at the end of the meeting material for this MCCG on the NEMO Committee website [LINK] and ENTSO-E website [LINK].
- ▶ Regarding the 19/11 training for MPs, it was explained that the full decoupling scenario was chosen to bring more value to the testing participants by enabling all to join and test relevant processes despite the general low occurrence of this type of incident.
- ▶ A supporting document for the testing with the information on how to replicate the steps tested in production will be shared with the MPs. The messages in the testing will be the same as in production.
- ▶ MPs are encouraged to:
 - ▶ Take advantage of the testing being organised on 19/11/2025 and join the simulation.
 - ▶ Inform MCSC NEMOs and TSOs about any other highly desired scenario to test within this testing.
 - ▶ Share with MCSC NEMOs and TSOs feedback after participating in this testing.

Q&A

- ▶ Q: Would it be possible to kick-off implementation of the measures listed by TSOs and NEMOs earlier? With the 15-min. MTU go-live, the risk of decoupling could increase.
- ▶ A: There will be some measures implemented already this year, namely the SDAC Fallback Manual and the completion of the Improved messaging. MCSC NEMOs and TSOs will try to expedite these measures. Recognising the urgency of the matter, NEMOs and TSOs are working on the measures presented in the 02/06 MCCG with a high priority. However, considering the necessary technical implementation and the regulatory frameworks' update, it is unlikely to have the measures deployed before the end of September 2025. An update on the implementation will be provided in the next MCCG.
- ▶ Q: Will a single price per MNA be ensured in the short term if a partial decoupling occurs, e.g., during the 15 –min. MTU go-live?
- ▶ A: The principle of the single price pursuant to Article 7(2) of EMD has been in effect since July 16th, 2024, and is approved by NEMOs. Local NEMOs and TSOs should be contacted for further clarification if needed. Regarding the measure "replacing local auction of decoupled NEMO in case of partial decoupling in a core MNA region by volume allocation at SDAC price", the processes to review the local MNA and the start of implementation will be initiated in the Core region in July 2025.
- ▶ Q: The intraday fallback for SDAC seems conflicted with CACM 2.0, Article 49 point 5, which prevents this solution in the future. Is this considered?

- ▶ A: This is what the NEMOs and TSOs are discussing internally and with the regulatory authorities.
- ▶ Q: Wouldn't it be beneficial to have 19/11 training before 15- min. MTU go-live?
- ▶ A: As discussed under the SDAC 15- min. MTU topic, the testing of full / partial decoupling could be included in the Additional Joint Member Testing prior to the go-live subject to receiving a request shared by MPs.

Actions

- ▶ MPs to Inform MCSC NEMOs and TSOs about any other highly desired scenario to include in the 19/11/2025 testing on full decoupling.
- ▶ MCSC NEMOs and TSOs to clarify the final list of SDAC fallback improvement measures for implementation and the implementation timeline.

4. SIDC 15 Min Market Time Unit (MTU)

Q&A

- ▶ Q: Why is the Sardinia-Italy border not included?
- ▶ A: The reasons are the same technical constraints as for the GR-IT interconnector:
 - ▶ Limitation due to the reversal of the power flow - to reverse the power flow requires reversing the polarity of the DC cable voltage and the average times for this action are approximately 5-10 min.
 - ▶ With the 15- min. MTU resolution, the interconnectors can be subject to many more polarity reversals during the year, which would not be optimal for the lifespan of the cable.

5. SIDC IDA Liquidity Update

Q&A

- ▶ Q: Regarding the data shown on the slide 36, could we please have the liquidity data per bidding zone?
- ▶ A: This will be taken in the respective group providing the liquidity update – an action point created.
- ▶ Q: Do you think there are correlations between the SIDC Intraday Auction Statistics and the coming 15 –min. MTU in SDAC?
- ▶ A: There could definitely be an impact. However, whether the introduction of the 15-min. MTU in SDAC will be accompanied with the increase or decrease of the trades in IDAs cannot be predicted; it is entirely up to the MPs to decide in which time-frame market they will place their orders.

- ▶ Q: There have been delays in providing data for Balancing Markets since 6th March 2025, after it went live with 15- min. MTU. Can you please advise when it will be resolved?
- ▶ A: Multiple mitigation measures are being taken at the moment by TSOs to reconfigure outbound FTCs to reduce the load on the system. DBAG is in the process of reconfiguring the XBID environment, both to reduce the delays and to speed up the system. No strict timeline can be given at this moment concerning when these actions are fully completed but all parties are aware of the urgency. One example is the request to some parties to switch from multiple single border/interconnector outbound files to bulk outbound files.

Actions

- ▶ MCSC NEMOs and TSOs to consider whether the IDA liquidity data per bidding zone can be provided

6. Implementation of the 30 Min IDCZGCT

General Notes

- ▶ MPs are encouraged to reach out to local TSOs if further details on the consultations are needed.
- ▶ MCSC TSOs will continue monitoring and providing a centralized update on the implementation and consultations, including sharing the centralized Q&A from the consultations launched after all consultations are closed.

Q&A

- ▶ Q: Will TSOs be able to move to 30' at any time, or are pre-determined go-live windows foreseen?
- ▶ A: The first GL window will be at the end of this year or very early next year as this is the regulatory deadline. The last window for those TSOs which wish to apply for the first derogation will be towards the end of 2028. These are the "fixed" go-live windows. The implementation for the rest of the TSOs will take place, subject to the TSOs' readiness, in between these "fixed" windows.

7. Methodologies' Updates and Consultations

General Notes

- ▶ MPs are encouraged to use the opportunity of the future public consultations to raise their positions.

8. SDAC-SIDC Roadmap

General Notes

- ▶ MPs are encouraged to use the opportunity of the ongoing consultation on Co-optimisation [LINK] to raise their positions – feedback from MPs, especially to the R0 report and proposed implementations - would be highly appreciated.

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- ▶ Q: When will the consultation for R1 take place?
- ▶ As the R1 is an update to the R0 document covering Market Participants and ACER's feedback, we considered that no formal consultation shall take place. We are committed to keep MPs up to date on the progress in the upcoming MCCG and MESC/PCG meetings.

9. Closure